[Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai.]

this deficit. But when the fishing season is favourable, when we get plenty of catches of fish, the amount provided in the Budget is not sufficient to meet the demand. Practically the whole allotment provided for this year has been spent by Kumbham and if the Fish Curing Yards are to continue till the end of the year, an additional sum of Rs. 9,500 is necessary. That is why the supplementary grant is asked for. I hope the House will allow it.

The grant was made.

MEDICAL AND SANITARY.

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Sir, I beg to move for a supplementary grant not exceeding Rs. 1,400 under Demand XVI—Sanitary Department. The amount is required for purchasing an electrical Refrigerator to be used as a cold storage for stocking lymph and also for purchasing an electric motor. The cold storage requires a temperature below the freezing-point. The present system of stocking lymph in an ice-chest is not working well. Though the ice in it is replenished every day, it is not found possible to keep the temperature below 10° c. Hence the necessity to purchase a Refrigerator, at a cost not exceeding Rs. 1,200.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know how that matter has been stored up to the present day?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): It is stored in an ice-chest. The ice is replenished every day. Still, it is found not practicable to bring the temperature below 10° c. The optimum temperature required is below the freezing point. That can be obtained only if we have an electrical Refrigerator.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): I wish to know whether this difficulty is felt now because of the widespread epidemic?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: We are growing wiser every day. We are trying with ice but small-pox has broken in an epidemic form. So we are improving.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Has that anything to do with the epidemic?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: It is only for the purpose of improving the administrative machinery that this grant is asked for.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): How is the storing done in other places? I wish to know whether our Department is behind-hand. Just to get an idea how our Department is working, I am asking the question.

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): The electrical Refrigerator is used in other places. We are still continuing the primitive method.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Why did the Government not try to discontinue the primitive methods long ago?

LIBRARY ARCHIVES Kerala Legislative Assembly

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Let us do it now as early as possible.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Better late than never.

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): The Refrigerator is used in Guindy and Belgaum. For mixing the pulps with glycerine and grinding it into an emulsion, an electric motor has to be attached to the grinding machine. For that purpose an electric motor is proposed to be purchased at a cost of Rs. 200. It is for these two things that I move for a grant of Rs. 1,400.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: I take it the House sanctions the demand? The grant was made.

CENSUS DEPARTMENT.

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Census Commissioner*): Sir I move that Government be granted a sum not exceeding Rs. 24,000, under Demand XIX—Census. When the Budget for 1106 was framed I included a sum of Rs. 75,000 for Census. It was only an approximate amount. I could not give the exact figure becase it depended upon the increase in population. Though I budgeted for Rs. 75,000, I got sanction for Rs. 60,000 only. Now I find that, in view of the increased work on account of increase in population, even my original estimate of Rs. 75,000 was below the actual requirement. I want for the current year very nearly Rs. 84,000. I may say for the information of the House that this amount, when compared with the expenditure incurred for the 1921 Census, is going to be Rs. 39,000 more than that spent in 1096. I will explain why it is so.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Is this for the current year alone?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Census Commissioner*): Yes, for the current year alone. For the 1921 Census, enumerators and supervisors were paid nothing. This year we are paying them at the rate of Rs. 5 to each enumerator, and Rs. 7 to each supervisor. We engaged for the preliminary enumeration this time a little over three thousand enumerators and six hundred supervisors,

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): May I know whether it is on account of paying the enumerators that the population has increased?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Census Commissioner*): I leave it to Mr. Piraviperumal Pillai to draw his own inference.

Three thousand enumerators and six hundred supervisors would require about 20,000 rupees. And then, this time we appointed an Assistant Charge Superintendent for each taluk for three months, to conduct effective supervision over the preliminary work of supervisors and enumerators. This was an innovation made this year. I may say from my experience that it is a very good innovation. It has had its effect. The checking has been very efficient, and as a result of the checking, it has been possible to discover very nearly 16,000 houses

LIBRARY ARCHIVES Kerala Legislative Assembly